है। अनेकों योजनाएं मंत्रालय द्वारा चलाई जा रही हैं। अगर राज्य सरकारों के साथ मिलकर इसे एक मूवमेंट के रूप में लेंगे, एक आंदोलन के रूप में लेंगे, सभी राज्य सरकारें काम करेंगी तो निश्चित रूप से हम इसे कर सकते हैं। वरना आपने जो कही वह बात सही है। जहां तक बाल श्रम की बात है तो जब तक देश से गरीबी खत्म नहीं होगी, तब तक यह खत्म नहीं होगा। गरीब को रोटी चाहिए इसके लिए वह अपने बच्चों को काम पर भेजता है। इसे खत्म करने के लिए सरकार की अनेकों योजनाएं हैं। जब ये योजनाएं फलीभूत होंगी तब निश्चित रूप से बाल श्रम खत्म होगा।

[THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair]

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: I congratulate the hon. Chairman on completing all the questions.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Buffer stock of sugar

*43. SHRI NANDYELLAIAH:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that differences are getting sharper between sugar mills in the co-operative and private sectors over modalities for allocation of the recently announced buffer stock of 20 lakh tonne;

(b) if so, what are the main differences;

(c) whether Government have considered views of all the sugar mills; and

(d) if so, to what extent Government have compromised and satisfied the sugar mills for issue of buffer stock allocation?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) The suggestions received from the National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories (NFCSF) and the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) in respect of norms for allocation of buffer stock between the sugar factories were duly

considered. The ISMA suggested that the buffer stock be largely pro-rated to all sugar factories based on the production achieved during the preceding sugar season (2001-02), while the NFCSF was of the view that the buffer stock be apportioned on the basis of stocks available with the factories. The South Indian Sugar Mills Association (SISMA) suggested the inclusion of exports, as "deemed" stock with the sugar factories.

2. It was decided in the light, *inter alia*, of the suggestions offered that 25% of the buffer stock would be apportioned on production basis, the balance 75% on the basis of stocks, as on 31st October, 2002, and that the quantity dispatched/lifted for exports would be taken as "deemed" stock. No further representation has been received from sugar mills/ Associations fo sugar mills in regard to the norms being applied in this behalf.

Electronic telephone exchanges in H.P.

*44. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the electronic telephone exchanges set up in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, district-wise;

(b) the details of the funds earmarked/disbursed/utilised, so far, for the said purpose during this period; and

(c) the details of the plan formulated for setting up of more electronic telephone exchanges in the State during the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The district-wise details of electronic telephone exchanges set up in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years are given in the enclosed statement. (*see* below)

(b) The details of funds earmarked/disbursed/utilised so far for the said purpose during the last three years are given below: